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SUBJECT: UNESCO: IMPACT RESULTS OF HUMAN RIGHTS DEBATE
IN UNGA

1. JAN 17 ISSUE HERALD TRIBUNE ARTICLE BY MR. KOREY
(DIR OF B'NAI B'RITH INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL) HAS
UNDERLINED IMPORTANCE OF A "SOVIET VICTORY" IN HUMAN
RIGHTS FIELD AT UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

2. KOREY POINTED OUT THAT AS RESULT OF ADOPTION "SOVIET
POSITION," TWO NEW PRIORITIES FOR HUMAN RIGHTS WERE
ADOPTED BY THE UN. THE FIRST, TO "COMBAT VIOLATIONS OF
HUMAN RIGHTS OF PEOPLES." THESE WERE CATEGORIZED AS
"AGRESSION AND THREATS AGAINST NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY,
NATIONAL UNITY, AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY, AS WELL AS THE
REFUSAL TO RECOGNIZE THE FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS OF PEOPLE TO
SELF-DETERMINATION, AND OF EVERY NATION TO EXERCISE FULL
SOVEREIGNTY OVER ITS WEALTH AND NATIONAL RESOURCES."

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3. THE "SECOND PRIORITY," AS DECIDED UPON BY THE UNGA
WAS "THE REALIZATION OF THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC
ORDER...HELD TO BE AN ESSENTIAL REPEAT ESSENTIAL ELEMENT
FOR THE EFFECTIVE PROMOTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND
FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS."

4. KOREY FURTHERMORE POINTED OUT THAT WESTERN AMENDMENTS

TO TEXTS, WHICH WOULD HAVE SERVED TO PROTECT INDIVIDUAL" RIGHTS, WERE DEFEATED. NEITHER WAS ANYTHING SAID ABOUT TORTURE, KILLINGS, ARBITRARY ARREST AND DETENTION, AND DEPRIVATIONS OF SPEECH, PRESS AND ASSEMBLY.

4. THESE DECISIONS BY THE UN, IF ACCURATELY RECORDED BY KOREY, WILL UNDOUBTEDLY COME TO AFFECT ADVERSELY WORK CURRENTLY UNDERWAY AT UNESCO IN FIELD OF HUMAN RIGHTS. UNTIL NOW, PERM DEL HAS BEEN ABLE TO INSIST ON INCLUSION CONCEPT OF "INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS" WHEN NEGOTIATING HUMAN RIGHTS LANGUAGE IN UNESCO FORA. WE WONDER NOW, HOWEVER, IF THIS WILL STILL BE POSSIBLE OWING TO LACK OF SUPPORT FOR "INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS" IN UNGA BY VARIOUS NON-WESTERN GROUPS.

6. PERM DEL WOULD THEREFORE APPRECIATE DEPT'S ANALYSIS OF UNGA ACTION WHICH APPARENTLY HAS SUCCEEDED IN DELETING REFERENCES TO INDIVIDUAL HUMAN RIGHTS (IN FAVOR OF THE "COLLECTIVITY"), SO THAT WE ARE AS WELL PREPARED AS POSSIBLE TO MEET THIS CHALLENGE IN UNESCO.
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